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Sir:

Come now the Applicants in the above styled matter and file this Response to

the First Official Action ("Response") having mailing date of March 28, 2002. This

Response is filed under Petition for Two Month Extension and is accompanied by a

small entity fee of \$200.00 for said Extension.

AMENDMENTS -

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3, 12, and 20 as specified in Attachments A (Claim

Amendments - Marked-Up Version, 3 pages) and B (Claim Amendments - Clean

Version, 3 pages), which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein

pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121. Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Following this Amendment, respectfully submitted in response to the Official

Action mailed 03/28/2002, claims 1-13 and 15-20 remain pending in the Application.

Claims 3 and 20 have been amended in order to more fully comply with 35

U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the

subject matter that Applicants regard as their invention. It is respectfully submitted

that these claims now fully comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

But for the stated 35 U.S.C. 112 rejection, claim 20 was found to be otherwise

allowable. Amended claim 20 is now believed to be in condition for allowance, and

such action is courteously solicited at this time.

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